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Air Field

- There were four to six fighters on the field. (On 12 January 1952 only one fighter and one biplane were in the air.
- About 30% of the barracks were illuminated. A shift of personnel appeared to have taken place, as the flying officers who are observed in the stores in town cannot speak German, while the former ones were able to make themselves understood with ease.
- There is not much vehicle traffic. Bus [redacted] driven by a [redacted] chauffeur came from Potsdam with flying officers. 50X1-HUM

Fridericus-Kaserne

- [redacted] The garrison engaged in extensive small arms target practice behind the barracks. All the troops had black-and-red shoulder loops, most of them with tank insignia. To judge by the illumination, the garrison is not at full strength (60-75%). 50X1-HUM
- [redacted] trucks entered or left the grounds;*

Medical Corps truck

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Passenger car

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6. Tank [] came from the direction of Altruppin on 12 January. It had five large wheels and a gun, two meters long and without a muzzle brake.

Barracks at Fehrbellinerstrasse

7. Most of the activity takes place in the yard and in the armories, where artillery training takes place. Tight (sic) field guns seem to be in use, with cylinders above and beneath the barrels. Their calibre is estimated at 7.5 cm. The barracks are about 75% illuminated and do not appear to be fully manned.**

8. [] trucks drove in and out [] truck is used nearly every day as a training car.

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Staff Headquarters at Corner of Fehrbelliner- and Karl Liebknechtstrasse

9. A division headquarters is located here. During the Hitler period a reserve hospital was located there. The Russian hospital is located on the road to Fehrbellin, outside the city.***
10. Since 10 January officers with black shoulder loops bearing gold anchors have been observed in the town. It is believed that they are quartered in the See-Kaserne, as they are seen entering and leaving there.****

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* [] Comment: [] two tank regiments of 12th Guards Tank Division are quartered here. Tanks [] have been observed here before.

** [] Comment: A field artillery regiment of 12th Guards Tank Division is presumed to be quartered here.

*** [] Comment: This is probably the headquarters of the 12th Guards Tank Division, which according to earlier reports, is quartered here.

**** [] Comment: This appears to be a pontoon bridge unit. An independent pontoon bridge battalion is attached to the 2nd Guards Mechanized Army, but it has so far been quartered at Neubrandenburg. This report may give some indication of a transfer to Neuruppin. This cannot be immediately confirmed, however, but will probably come to light as the regroupings following the autumn maneuvers are clarified.

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